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# **MONTANA**

# **Detailed Migration Characteristics**

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The Census Bureau generates a special data series on migration that shows a wide variety of demographic information on persons moving in and out of geographic areas, with state and county level data available. This is an additional series stemming from the decennial census but only recently made available (CEIC acquired this series and programmed the data for release in this document and related compilations). The period monitored in this series is between 1995 to 2000.

## **Raw Numbers**

The migration numbers show almost as many people left Montana between 1995 and 2000 as those who moved in. In-migration stood at 202,318 and out-migration at 200,600, for a net gain of 1,718. Non-movers accounted for 645,044. Men were more mobile than women in both categories, making for a net in-migration of 1,408 men to 310 women.

## **Demographics**

Montana's largest minority population, American Indian, saw a very slight decrease in population stemming from migration. The totals show 10,443 American Indians moving into Montana, but 10,612 moving out, for a net loss of 169. The next largest racial/ethnic group for migration (except for whites) was Hispanic or Latino, which saw 6,084 people moving in and 5,963 moving out, for a net gain of 121 persons in this ethnic group. In looking at age groups, the clear trend is for out-migration of young adults. There were 51,493 person in their twenties who moved into the state, with 59,747 moving out, for a net loss of 8,254. In the area of educational attainment, persons with a Bachelor's degree were more likely to move out of the state than relocate here, at 28,449 to 26,215 respectively.

### **Economics**

For issues of employment and income, there is a balance between persons moving into the state and those leaving. There were 10,003 unemployed persons who moved into the state, with 9,394 moving out. Income levels show a net less in most income categories. Persons making between \$20,000 and \$99,999 thousand had a net-migration loss of 7,460, whereas there was a net positive of 649 persons whose income was \$100,000 or more.

## **Using the Data**

There are more categories in this report than mentioned here. If you would like more information on these data (available on the link at the top of this page) please contact us.

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